



# The Ultimate Word

*A Poem*

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Always there has been something not quite said;  
Something that sunlight sifted down through leaves,  
Starlight on water, and the echoes shed  
From slow rain's whisper in deserted caves  
Tried to interpret in my slower tongue. . . .

Once, long ago—oh, very long ago—  
Before the world was old, and I was young,  
I almost grasped the Word in flakes of snow,  
In fireflies like golden spangles flung  
Across a dancer's twilight-colored hair,  
In spider-webs miraculously strung  
With a gnome-king's ransom in the morning air. . . .

But that was long ago—oh, long ago—  
Before the world was old, and I was young.

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